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Drug Policy Subcommittee To Hold Field Hearing in Sells,
Arizona

***“The Impact of the Drug Trade on Border Security and National Parks: Field
Hearing in Sells, Arizona”***

Who: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources

Witnesses: Hon. Edward D. Manuel, Chairman, Tohono O’odham Nation

Mr. Joseph Delgado, Assistant Chief of Police, Tohono O’odham Police Department

Mr. Dom Ciccone, Regional Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mr. William Wellman, Park Supervisor, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, National Park Service

Mr. David Aguilar, Chief Patrol Agent, Tucson Sector, U.S. Border Patrol

Mr. Hugh Winderweeddle, Port Director, Lukeville Port of Entry, U.S. Customs Service

Mr. James A. Woolley, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DEA (Tucson Division)

And invited concerned citizens

What: Public hearing to explore the impact of the drug trade and the status of law enforcement along the Arizona-Mexico border.

Where: Tohono O’odham Nation Legislative Council Chambers, Sells, Arizona

When: Monday, March 10, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Background: Since the summer of 2001, the Subcommittee has conducted an in-depth study of the status of law enforcement and security at our nation’s borders and ports of entry, holding field hearings at a number of ports and border regions. This hearing, the seventh field hearing held by the Subcommittee, will focus particular attention on the problem of cross-border drug smuggling on the southern Arizona border. Recent incidents, including the murder of park ranger Kris Eggle at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument last year, illustrate the severe problems this smuggling poses, not just for the United States as a whole, but for local communities in particular. Questions have been raised about the ability of federal law enforcement agencies to deal with narcotics smugglers and other criminals, particularly in our national parks and wildlife refuges. This hearing will seek to address those and other related questions.

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